

What is claimed is:

1. A client system which acquires a delivery message from a server unit by requesting to transmit the delivery message stored in the server unit when the client system receives an incoming 5 call including a signal indicating accumulation of delivery message to the client system itself in the server unit, said client system comprising:

a received message storing section for storing the delivery message received from the server unit;

10 an instruction and message acquisition requesting section for requesting the server unit, at the same time, for both acquiring a succeeding message and processing the delivery message whose reception by the client system is completed, when reception of the delivery message from the server unit is 15 completed; and

an instruction requesting section for requesting the server unit for only processing the delivery message whose reception by the client system is completed, if no succeeding message is stored in the server unit.